

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending 6/30/2018

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

Burson-Marsteller, LLC

6227

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1110 Vermont Ave NW Suite 1200

Washington DC 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es) Yes ☐ No ☐(2) Citizenship Yes ☐ No ☐(3) Occupation Yes ☐ No ☐

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name Yes ☐ No ☒(2) Ownership or control Yes ☐ No ☒(3) Branch offices Yes ☐ No ☒

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

NA

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.Yes ☐ No ☐If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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See Attached List

(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
Kathy Jeavons		Ennahdha Party	6/1/2018

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

NA

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date of Termination
International Military Counter Terrorism Coalition Center (IMCTC)	2/28/2018

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)	Date Acquired
Hikvision USA	5/31/2018

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.
Kobe Steel LDC
Ennahdha Party

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes ☐ No ☒

Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Kobe Steel, LDC - Communications planning, strategy and implementation

Ennahdha Party - Provide the Ennahdha Party support on media and stakeholder outreach in advance of upcoming elections

International Military Counter Terrorism Coalition Center (IMCTC) - Content development, media monitoring, media relations

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Please see attached Exhibit A

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

Please see attached Exhibit 14a

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
Please see attached 15a.			

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Ennahdha Party

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☒ Other (specify) Newsletters

Electronic Communications

- ☒ Email
☐ Website URL(s): _____
☐ Social media websites URL(s): _____
☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☐ Public officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☐ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

August 01, 2018

/s/ Sharon Balkam

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

FARA Filing Information for Kobe Steel LDC

January – June 2018

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Shared and walked through the publicly available information pertaining to Kobe Steel's response:
<http://www.kobelco.co.jp/english/progress/index.html>

FARA Filing Information for Ennahda Party

January – June 2018

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ATTACHMENT QUESTIONS 14 (a)

14 (a). Receipts - Monies

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? YES:

Ennahdha Party

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
3/21/2018	Ennahdha Party	Fees & Expenses	90,000.00
6/1/2018	Ennahdha Party	Fees & Expenses	45,305.00
			<u>135,305.00</u>

International Military Counter Terrorism Coalition Center (IMCTC)

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
4/5/2018	BM ASDA (On behalf of IMCTC)	Fees & Expenses	33,750.00
			<u>33,750.00</u>

Kobe Steel LTD

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
1/19/2018	Kobe Steel, LTD	Fees & Expenses	231,171.67
2/15/2018	Kobe Steel, LTD	Fees & Expenses	248,014.47
3/15/2018	Kobe Steel, LTD	Fees & Expenses	203,858.67
4/13/2018	Kobe Steel, LTD	Fees & Expenses	101,833.12
5/7/2018	Kobe Steel, LTD	Fees & Expenses	201,771.24
5/25/2018	Kobe Steel, LTD	Fees & Expenses	20,000.00
6/19/2018	Kobe Steel, LTD	Fees & Expenses	44,893.70
			<u>1,051,542.87</u>

ATTACHMENT QUESTION 15(a)

15 (a). Disbursements - Monies

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? YES

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? NO

Ennahdha Party

Airfare	3,841.81
Registration Fees	305.00
Taxi/Car Service - Local Transportation	104.70
Total	104.70

International Military Counter Terrorism Coalition Center (IMCTC)

Registration Fees	305.00
Total	305.00

Kobe Steel LTD

Accommodation	11,705.01
Airfare	19,955.32
A/V Consumables	52.99
Business Meals	628.28
Flowers/Gifts - Client	126.90
Intercompany Fees	411,271.92
Internet Use	49.90
Meals - Travel	30.92
Media Monitoring	400.00
Other Travel Costs	198.85
Reclass - Photocopies Color	487.00
Registration Fees	305.00
Taxi/Car Service - Local Transportation	239.58
Taxi/Car Service - Travel	1,086.25
Telephone - Mobile	463.68
Total	447,001.60



58th Newsletter

- January 12, 2018 -

Covering news from Tunisia and Ennahdha



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

I would like to begin by taking the opportunity to wish you all a healthy and prosperous start to the new year. Looking back at 2017, Tunisia and the Ennahdha Party have much to be proud of, including the landmark Law on Eliminating Violence Against Women as a legal protection against domestic abuse and various economic reforms that will support the growth of Tunisia's economy and spread wealth across the country. In 2018, we are confident that Tunisia will continue to be an exemplar for the region more widely.

I am delighted that the Independent High Authority for Elections Council has confirmed that the municipal elections will take place on 6 May 2018. As President of the Ennahdha Party, I have consistently supported these elections, which will act as a crucial next step for Tunisia's strengthening democracy. Tunisia's post-revolution constitution emphasizes the importance of decentralization and local democracy for a healthy political and civil society.

In a further demonstration of Tunisia's and Ennahdha's commitment to social progress, the Tunisian parliament has approved a draft Council of Europe Convention report which aims to prevent and combat the sexual exploitation and abuse of children. This report is in line with Ennahdha MP Yamina Zoghلامي's proposal to introduce sexual education in schools for pupils as young as five years old, working according to the ethos that a child who understands their body can better protect themselves from potential harm. From giving assistance to victims to implementing protective measures, safeguarding the rights of all Tunisians, including our children, has my committed support.

Separately, over the past days, several Tunisian regions have witnessed protests in response to the 2018 budget. The Ennahdha Party acknowledges the right of Tunisian citizens to protest, but strongly condemns any vandalism or violence, and therefore calls on those with legitimate demands to make their voices heard calmly, rationally, and in adherence to the rule of law. Ennahdha has been – and continues to be – at the forefront of developing and implementing the economic reforms capable of producing prosperity in the years to come. We recognize that there is a need to cut our country's deficit, but emphasize that the needs and concerns of low-income groups should always be taken into account when developing and implementing any budget cuts.

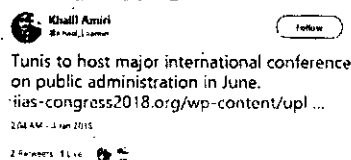
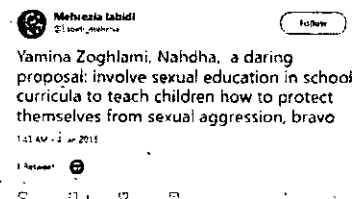
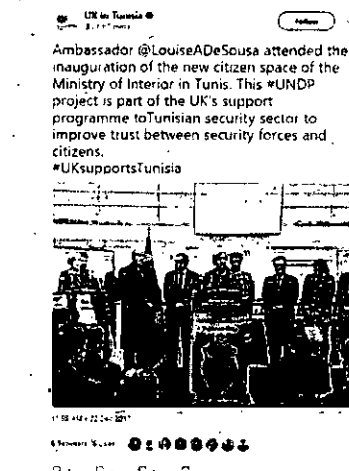
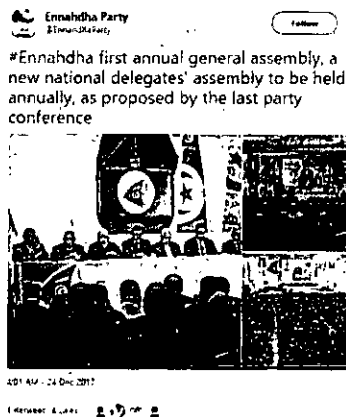
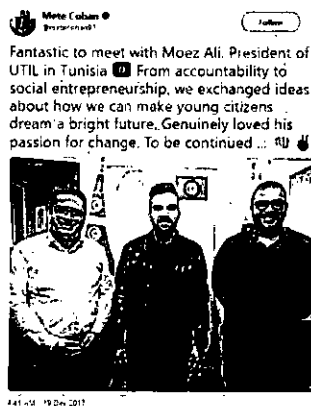
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- **Statement on Protests in Tunisia: The Ennahdha Party calls on the government to meet with all parties and organizations to discuss the situation and find the necessary solutions and measures to respond to social demands – January 11**
- **Ennahdha wishes everyone a successful and joyful 2018 – January 1**
- **Ennahdha welcomes the announcement of municipal elections on May 6 – December 20**

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- **Algeria and Tunisia discuss counter-terrorism cooperation – January 8**
- **Tunisia joins states pushing for tax justice with EU – January 3**
- **Where to go in 2018 – Tunisia on Bloomberg list of 22 Best Travel Destinations – January 2**
- **Erdogan pledges to boost Turkey-Tunisia trade ties – December 27**
- **Tunisia: Democratic but Precarious – December 22**
- **Business leaders and academics join together to call for Tunisia's removal from EU tax blacklist – December 19**

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COVERING NEWS FROM TUNISIA & ENNAHDHA

February 1, 2018



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

While attending the World Economic Forum at Davos last week, I was delighted by the level of international support for Tunisia's political and economic transition. Indeed, Tunisia is an open country, and the event provided an excellent opportunity to meet with world leaders both past and present to discuss the challenges and rich opportunities open to Tunisia.

Tunisia's position as the sole success story of the Arab Spring was widely referenced throughout the week at Davos, and the consensus regarding the potential of our country was overwhelming. Although this is a source of great national pride, it is important to remember that as a relatively new democracy we are not immune to teething problems. This was made evident by the recent social unrest in the country. Indeed, Tunisians are not afraid to voice discontent, which famously sparked the Arab Spring and rid Tunisia of a despot following years of rampant cronyism under the Ben Ali regime.

Since this important event we have sought to create a truly democratic society, one that enables our citizens to reach their full potential while enjoying the freedoms that many in the West take for granted, such as national elections, freedom of the press, functional institutions, and most importantly, security.

Despite the testing economic and political conditions following the overthrow of Ben Ali, we have managed to complete several rounds of free and fair elections, implement landmark gender equality laws, draft new laws to encourage foreign investment, and most recently we have agreed on a final date of May 6, 2018 for important municipal elections – the first of their kind in the region.

All these developments are important building blocks for Tunisia's young democracy and the Tunisian people should be proud of having achieved this, seven years after the Arab Spring. In order to further strengthen the Tunisian democracy and stimulate the economy, I urge the Tunisian people to give our unique democratic transition their continuous and full support. It is via the ballot box, and not on the streets, where Tunisians can most effectively voice their opinion on the running of the country.

The Ennahdha Party will continue to work hard to ensure citizens' concerns are represented in government. Only together we can make Tunisia stronger.

ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

- **Ennahdha Party Statement on the Seventh Anniversary of the Revolution of Freedom and Dignity** – January 16
- **Council of the EU removes Tunisia from its list of tax havens** – January 23

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Tunisia ministerial council adopts the Start-up Act, a new legal framework for start-ups. In December, a Tunisian ministerial council adopted the act, which will make it easier for entrepreneurs to navigate the country's legal system and establish start-ups. The draft bill now be presented to parliament.

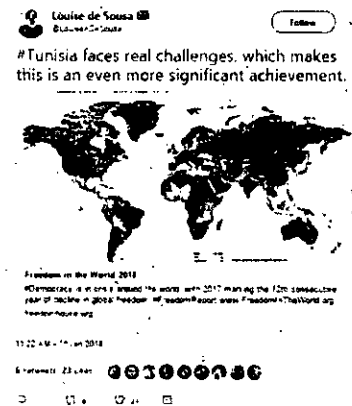
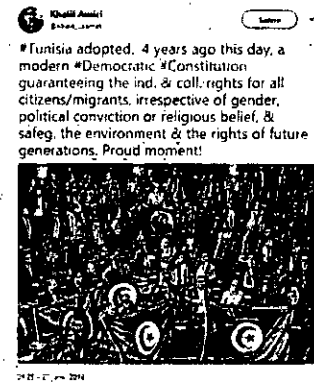
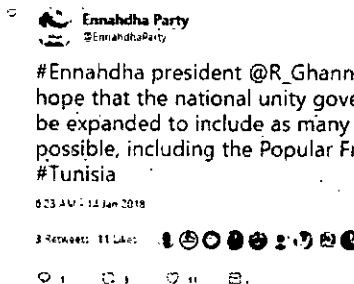
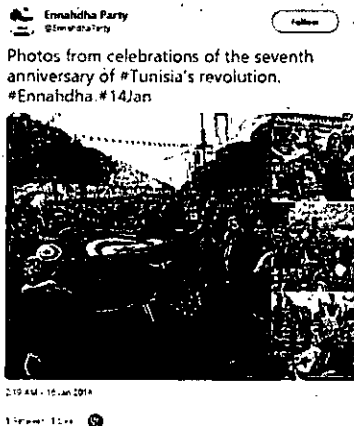
Within the framework of project Tunisia 2020, a note was addressed by the Head of Government Youssef Chahed to all Public Institutions with regards to the use of email for correspondence. Six ministries and all their regional structures will gradually end all paper correspondence by the end of March 2018.

On January 24, Junior Minister for Entrepreneurship and Private Initiative Sayida Ounissi launched the second phase of the Innajim campaign, helping entrepreneurs to go ahead with their projects, during a ceremony attended by the UK Ambassador to Tunisia, HE Louise De Sousa.

IN THE NEWS

- **Macron praises Tunisia's 'cultural revolution' during two-day visit** – February 1
- **Tunisia holidays: why tourists should look beyond the beach and discover its ancient Roman heritage** – January 26
- **Tunisia, most innovative country in Africa and Arab world – Bloomberg Innovation Index** – January 24
- **Tunisia advances by 2 places to 43 globally, maintains top spot in Africa in Bloomberg's innovation index** – January 22
- **Dr Khalil Amiri, Tunisia's Secretary of State for Scientific Research: How the EU is backing Tunisia's ambition to become the Silicon Valley of the Maghreb** – January 17
- **Tunisia to start 25 new air cargo routes** – January 10

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COVERING NEWS FROM TUNISIA & ENNAHDHA

March 21, 2018



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

We now have just 46 days until the Tunisian municipal elections. On May 6, Tunisia will take another step towards the implementation of the post-Revolution constitution. However, it can never be said enough, it is not just that the elections take place, but how they take place, that is important.

Ennahdha was steadfast in its support for gender parity on the election lists, and as the only party to put forward candidates in all municipalities, we will be fielding the highest number of female candidates. As a party, we have ensured – as mandated by electoral law – that there is horizontal and vertical parity, with 175 women leading the lists out of 350 in total.

Indeed, our strength in gender equality was recently recognized in the recent meeting of the Arab League in Gammārth, Tunisia. The meeting, entitled Women for Safe Societies in the Arab Region, convened eleven ministers for women's affairs from member states. At the meetings conclusion, it was decided that Tunisia would be the 2018-19 Capital of Arab Women, a direct recognition of the country's progressive politics. We hope that this will strengthen our hand not just domestically, but in our effort to become the regional exemplar for gender equality.

It is in this spirit that we approach the municipal elections in May, which will be the most inclusive the country has ever experienced.

ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

- Ennahdha reaffirms its commitment to continue the struggle alongside Tunisian women to preserve their achievements – March 8
- Ennahdha Party emphasizes the need for all parties to respect the stability of Governmental work and to create a positive environment for the holding of the municipal elections – March 15

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Notable progress has been made in implementing the law around the municipal elections, ensuring the proper functioning of local governance. Amendments to the law have been deposited by Ennahdha, with discussions and voting set to begin on next week in plenary. In particular, the amendments will reinforce the importance of women's role in the elections. Ennahdha is working hard to ensure this law is passed before the end of March, ahead of campaigning beginning on April 14.

The Tunisian Parliament is continuing to negotiate around the selection of members to the Constitutional Court. Three of these four members will have a specialized legal competence, while the remaining member will offer a separate specialty. Negotiations are ongoing, with all involved determined to select the appropriate people. The first member has been elected, a female judge named Roudha Wirsghini. The remaining three members will be elected on March 21.

IN THE NEWS


- EU Civil Protection Forum 2018: EU and Tunisia agree to boost co-operation – March 9
- How Legal Reform Can Drive Social Change for Women in Tunisia – March 8
- Tunisia: AFESD funds construction of 50 schools and extension of 2000 others – March 2
- Tunisia to invest \$5 billion in energy projects in 2018-2020 – March 1
- Ennahdha picks Jewish man for candidacy in Tunisian municipal elections – March 1
- Tunisia adopts law to promote entrepreneurship, digital startups – February 27
- Tunisia and Spain vow cooperation on security, women's rights – February 26
- Tunisia with the kids: Times travel guide – February 25
- Tunisia creates special units against gender violence – February 23

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With Dr Bandar Hajjar President of the Islamic Development Bank (#IDB) Group at l'Ecole Polytechnique in #Tunis to discuss the role of #entrepreneurship, #research, and #innovation in promoting #sustainable_development.




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We were delighted to host a farewell reception for the Tunisian @hultprize teams who will shortly compete in the London semi-finals as well as celebrating #GREAT entrepreneurs including the co-founder of @Wallyscar1. Good luck in London - we know you'll make Tunisia proud!



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DCers: I'll be moderating what should be a fascinating discussion tmrw 2pm on Capitol Hill

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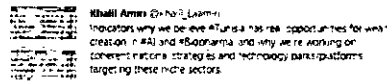
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COVERING NEWS FROM TUNISIA & ENNAHDHA

March 29, 2018



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

On March 20 Tunisia celebrated the 62nd anniversary of its independence. A day of national celebration, this event marked the beginning of Tunisia's first republic. The 2011 Revolution marked the beginning of Tunisia's second republic, which aims to build on Tunisia's social and economic achievements while grounding them in a set of new democratic institutions that work for everyone.

Significantly, it is now just 38 days until the country's first municipal elections. Just as Tunisia's independence marked a new beginning, so too will these elections, as they mark the birth of a new decentralized governance framework. Decentralizing power away from the capital is so important because it gives those who have been politically disenfranchised – the young, women, people from marginalized regions – a real stake in the country's future. This is why I passionately urge the country to turn out on May 6 to give a new generation of representatives the mandate they need to deliver local development and prosperity.

Clearly, the support of our international partners is key as Tunisia consolidates its democracy. French President Emmanuel Macron's visit in February is a perfect case in point. Mr. Macron commended Tunisia for having carried out a "cultural revolution" since 2011, as well as having "given the lie to those who say that societies where Islam is present are not compatible with democracy."

The European Union's support is also key, and our political and economic dialogue has continually increased since the establishment of the Privileged Partnership in 2012. Today, the EU is Tunisia's primary trading partner, accounting for 63 percent of our total trade.

Our program of cooperation also extends further afield. In 2018 alone, Tunisia formally extended bilateral relations with countries from Nigeria to China, Spain to Indonesia. Truly demonstrating our openness on the world stage, Equatorial Guinea announced last month that it would soon open an embassy in Tunisia.

The 62nd anniversary of Tunisia's independence is of course a time of celebration. But it is essential that we now look forward. The municipal elections on May 6 will represent yet another step in the fulfillment of our democratic Constitution, and we call on our international partners to continue to support us during this crucial stage of Tunisia's development.

ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

- Ennahdha emphasizes the need for all parties to respect the stability of Governmental work and to create a positive environment for the holding of the municipal elections – March 20, 2018
- Ennahdha expresses solidarity with the French people and calls on the international community to unite against terrorism – March 24, 2018

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Elections for members of the **Constitutional Court** will be held again at a later date, after parliamentary blocks failed to produce a quorum. Of the four candidates, only one was successfully elected during voting last week.

Tunisia's parliament is in contentious discussions over extending the mandate of the **Truth and Dignity Commission**, the body tasked with implementing post-revolution transitional justice. The debate centers on whether its mandate should be extended for another year once it expires in June 2018.

Plenary discussions and voting sessions are ongoing this week in the House of the People's Representatives. Under consideration is the **Local Governance Code of 1975** which is to be revoked and replaced with an upcoming draft law that will unify all local government organization in one legal framework. The law, known as the **Code on Local Authorities**, will serve as the basis for Tunisia's first-ever municipal elections. We look forward to reaching consensus, though there are yet more than 400 points to be discussed and amended.

Ennahdha supports preserving the **Carthage Declaration**, a 2016 agreement between Tunisia's political parties that outlines the goals of the national unity government. However, Ennahdha has called for the formation of a commission to study political performance. The party has also proposed legislative revisions for the economic, political, social, and education sectors.


IN THE NEWS

- **Democracy's faint pulse in the Middle East** – March 26
- **Jewish candidate for Muslim party Ennahdha breaks barriers in Tunisia** – March 23
- **Movie icon Claudia Cardinale stars as Tunisia opens city of culture** – March 22
- **Ennahdha President Mr Rached Ghannouchi: 'There is no room today for the return of dictatorship'** – March 21
- **Carnegie: Ennahdha MP Oussama Sghaier talks about Tunisia's democracy and the government's credibility problem** – March 20
- **Tunisian students developing app to protect women** – March 19
- **Holidaymakers return to Turkey and Tunisia** – March 17
- **Tunisia's Ennahdha calls on all factions to commit to a stable government** – March 16
- **Tunisia is one of the Arab world's biggest success stories. The Trump administration doesn't seem to care** – March 15

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Today is a big day in #Tunisia
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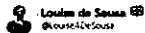
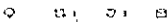
#Ennahdha ExCo member RDriss @MiddleEastEyeFr "We consider municipal&local elections to be a real challenge for the democratization process of #Tunisia."



INTERVIEW - Rihra Driss : « Nous n'avons pas d'autre choix que de travailler... À l'approche des élections municipales du 5 mai qui seront à l'opinion au tout, parle au gouvernement. l'idée Tunisie et Ennahdha : Middle East Eye a rencontré Rihra drissennahdha.net

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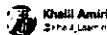
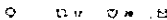
Thoughtful piece from @gideonrachman after his week in #Tunisia. #UK committed to helping Tunisians build their democracy & prosperity.



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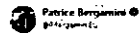
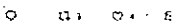


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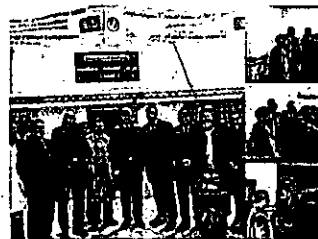


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COVERING NEWS FROM TUNISIA & ENNAHDHA

April 19, 2018



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

On Saturday, Tunisians welcomed the beginning of the campaign for the municipal elections, which will take place on May 6. The first of their kind in the region, the elections will decentralize power to municipalities across the country, empower the previously disenfranchised and represent yet another step in the fulfilment of the post-Revolution Constitution.

Ennahdha Party set off on the campaign trail on April 14, with Party representatives travelling throughout the country to promote the Party's program of economic, social and political reform, and connect with communities on a more personal level to better understand their ideas for the future and motivate them to actively partake in building Tunisia's democracy. Bringing decision-making closer to the people most closely affected is, after all, the very essence of democracy.

Pressing ahead with our commitment to economic reform, Ennahdha was recently pivotal in securing the passing of a very important law in Parliament that promises to bring greater economic dynamism and innovation. On April 2, the Start-up Act, a bill proposed by the Ennahdha Minister for Communication Technologies and Digital Economy, Anouar Maarouf, was approved in Parliament. The Act will make it easier for companies to be created and flourish, and has been received very well domestically – not at all a surprise, given Tunisia's position at number 40 on the 2018 Global Entrepreneurship Index, showing that the country is making solid economic progress.

Tunis was also recently the venue for the Islamic Development Bank's annual meeting – a successful event that convened 75 delegations including 43 finance ministers and high dignitaries. Several agreements were signed between Tunisia and the IDB during the meeting, driven in large part by the work of the Ennahdha Minister for Development, Investment and International Cooperation, Zied Ladhari. These agreements, as Mr. Ladhari has said, will help to address the regional disparities in Tunisia through the financing of different projects in sectors as diverse as energy, education and health.

Last week, I led an Ennahdha Party delegation to Brussels to strengthen key relationships with our friends in Europe. Strengthening Ennahdha's ties with EU decision makers is an essential component of our international outreach, as we continue to address some of the challenges we face; some unique to Tunisia, some common to us all. This was perhaps best demonstrated by my fruitful meeting with Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, where I expressed Ennahdha's commitment for close cooperation on democratic reforms, economic modernization and migration issues.

And so, as Ennahdha begins its campaigning for the first ever democratic local elections in our country's history, I am excited at what the future holds for our Party and country alike. Implementing decentralization and other deep reforms will be essential in delivering the prosperous and democratic Tunisia for which we all continue to strive.

ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

- Ennahdha reiterates support for the continued operation of the Truth and Dignity Commission as part of commitment to transitional justice – March 27

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Tunisia's parliament passed the Start-up Act, an Ennahdha-led initiative that will remove hurdles for entrepreneurs and investors as they found and build their companies. Among the measures included in the law, which was spearheaded by Ennahdha Minister of Communication Technologies and Digital Economy Anouar Maarouf, are:

- Exemption for start-ups from corporate taxes for up to eight years;
- Exemption from capital gains tax on investments made in start-ups;
- Up to one year off from their current jobs (both private and public sector employees), and;
- A salary for up to three founders during the first year of a company's operation.

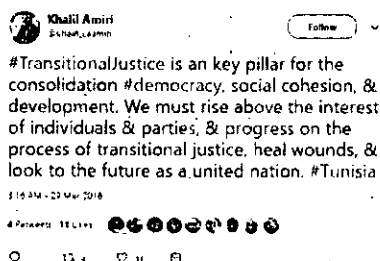
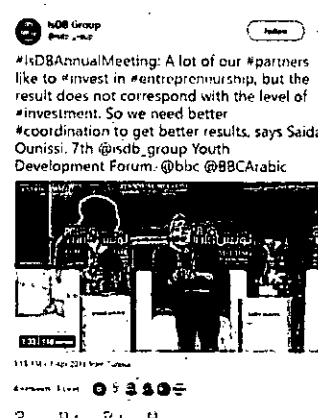
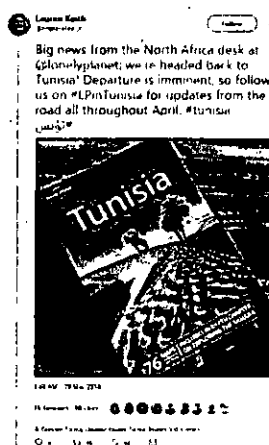
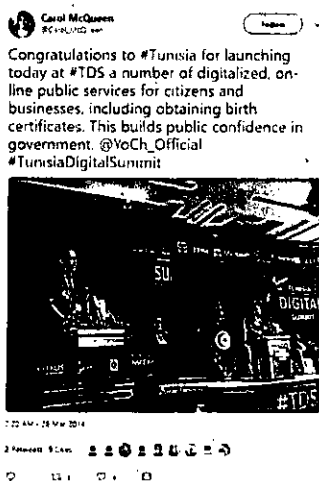
The law passed without any significant opposition, and has been very well received in Tunisia, particularly among the country's youth.

The Law on Local Governance is under debate in plenary. Although still a work in progress, the draft law represents the next step in laying the necessary foundations for strong, decentralized Tunisian institutions, and we are hopeful it will be passed ahead of the municipal elections on May 6.

IN THE NEWS

- **Ennahdha Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Saida Ounissi video: Why vocational training and entrepreneurship is essential for job creation** – April 7
- **EU deploys election observation mission in Tunisia** – April 6
- **Tunisian Parliament approves Ennahdha-led Start-up Act** – April 4
- **Argentina supports Tunisia's presence at G20 summit** – April 3
- **Tunisia's tourism revenues grow 23% in first quarter** – April 3
- **Tunisia agrees \$1.5bn financing deal with the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation** – April 2
- **Gender equality push picks up pace in Tunisia** – March 30
- **Ennahdha President Rached Ghannouchi: Tunisian model is the only hope for stability** – March 29
- **The Financial Times: Tunisia deserves international support** – March 29
- **Tunisia: 'Salam' project fights violent extremism** – March 28

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#Tunisia in top tier of global RISE score - a score reflecting policies & regulations in #energy sector, specifically 3 pillars: Energy Access, Energy Efficiency, & #RenewableEnergy. Last pillar is weak link, hence recently announced RE projects. rise.worldbank.org/country/tunisia

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"We need to encourage foreign & domestic investment, & get rid of obsolete laws & the heavy weight of the administration."



Tunisie Rached Ghannouchi : « Ennahdha a une 40 ans de expérience négotiation. Cherchons un bon accord de partenariat avec le secteur privé pour encourager l'investissement, et se débarrasser des lois obsolètes et du poids administratif. »


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Receiving #UNESCO chief, Science Policy and Partnership, Ernesto Fernandez, & regional advisors. Promising partnerships on: #Research #ethics; #AI & wider implications; World Science Forum; #STI regional academy, #Science diplomacy for #Africa-n integration #Tunisie #Tunisia



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COVERING NEWS FROM TUNISIA & ENNAHDHA

May 4, 2018



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

Campaigning is well and truly under way ahead of Tunisia's municipal elections on May 6. The elections will be a key milestone in the history of post-Revolution Tunisia, and a starting point for democratically decentralising power down to regional and local authorities.

We launched Ennahdha's campaign on April 14 with a clear message: these elections represent a huge opportunity for strengthening reform and development, and consolidating democracy and freedom. The sheer number and diversity of enthusiastic and hardworking Tunisians who put themselves forward to run on Ennahdha's electoral lists, whether party members or independent, has re-affirmed my belief that the country's appetite for robust, local democracy is extremely strong. The fact that over 50% are young people under 35 also gives great hope for renewal and innovation at the local level.

Democracy is about people, which is why I – alongside other Party representatives – have accompanied our candidates to campaigning events over the past weeks. Everywhere we went, we met the municipalities' inspiring female candidates, in whose ability to drive positive local change I have total confidence. As the head of a party with 50% women and 50% men across all our 350 electoral lists, I am proud to see the emergence of female political leaders across the political spectrum throughout the entire country.

The importance of free and fair elections cannot be understated and, to this end, Ennahdha welcomes the delegation of more than 80 election observers from the European Union. It is in this spirit of fair but firm campaigning that Ennahdha will continue to visit Tunisia's many regions, better understanding peoples' local needs and demands as we go.

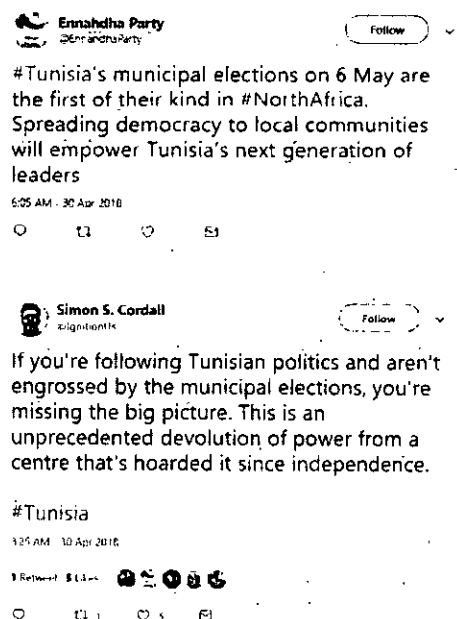
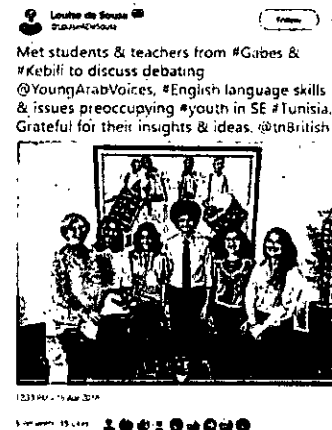
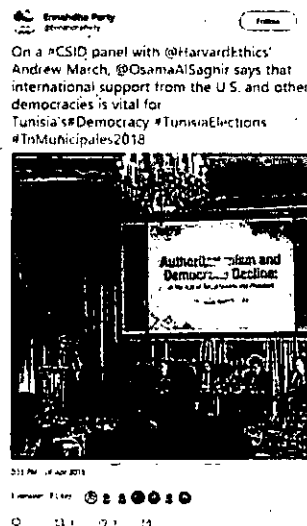
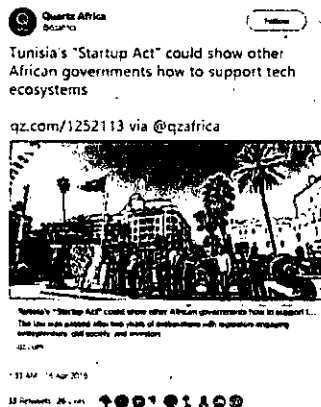
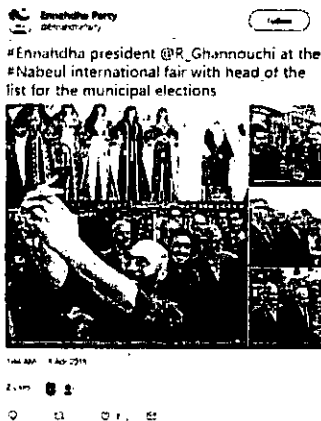
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Law on Local Governance has successfully passed through Parliament. With the persistent and committed support and participation of Ennahdha MP's, the Code on Local Governance was passed on Thursday April 26. The Code, which lays out the responsibilities of regional and local councils, is an important achievement that sets the foundations for the consolidation of democracy and transfer of power to Tunisia's municipalities. Among other aspects, the new Code includes amendments to municipal powers, giving them greater powers to take decisions concerning local development without needing to go back to central authority. The Code also guarantees the financial and administrative independence of local authorities and ensures that the central state cannot directly intervene in municipal decisions unless through judicial proceedings. In addition, the Code encourages the principle of participatory democracy, and obliges local authorities to involve citizens in local decision-making.

IN THE NEWS

- **Tunisian wants to be elected first woman mayor of Tunis** – May 1
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- **Tunisian Tourist Numbers Up 19%** – April 29
- **Tunisian women hit campaign trail as equals to men** – April 27
- **Rached Ghannouchi: Tunisia needs dialogue to solve economic crisis** – April 26
- **Thomas Cook Declares Terror Slump Over as Tunisia Bookings Jump** – April 26
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- May 18, 2018 -

Covering news from Tunisia and Ennahdha



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

The Ennahdha Party is honored to have earned the most seats of all parties in the country's first democratic municipal elections, which took place on May 6. A crucial next-step in the fulfilment of the post-Revolution constitution, we congratulate all the candidates, observers and assessors on achieving a free and fair election process.

Over the past months and more regularly during the three weeks of the campaign, Ennahdha representatives travelled the breadth of the country to gain a better understanding of what Tunisian people want from their municipal governments, as well as better define their most pressing concerns. Our message – that elected municipal governments are vital to the democratic representation of every Tunisian citizen – has clearly resonated with the people, and we are committed to live up to our people's expectations.

Building on the party's history of inclusivity, our new representatives comprise a wide range of demographics. The elected municipal councils count 47 percent women and 43 percent of people under the age of 35, a true reflection of Tunisia's diversity. We have every confidence that the Ennahdha councilors will represent their municipalities with the utmost integrity and ambition.

Tunisia's recent political history has been, in part, defined by consensus and dialogue. In light of these elections, we look forward to working in partnership with all the elected candidates in the new authorities across the country, united around a common goal: a better, more prosperous Tunisia for all.

With the committed support of Ennahdha MP's, the Code on Local Governance has been passed before the elections. This Code lays out the responsibilities of regional and local councils, empowering localities to make

effective decisions without referring to central authority. It is now that we will see this Law bear fruit, as the newly elected governments will be able to get to work without any more delays.

Last week's election was a victory for all Tunisians. However, as President of Ennahdha, I have no doubt that our Party's new representatives will successfully lay the foundation for a Tunisia that is prosperous, free and progressive. If we can achieve this, it will be for the benefit of the whole society.

ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

Ennahdha condemns the opening of the American embassy in Jerusalem and the crimes of killing and detention committed against the Palestinian people

In an unprecedented move, the U.S. administration on May 14, 2018, implemented its decision to move its embassy to Jerusalem in a flagrant violation of UN resolutions and international consensus, constituting a new Nakba for Palestinians and providing the Israeli occupation with a cover to further escalate its attacks on Palestinians in Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank, and expand its raids on the holy sanctuary (Haram Sharif) in Jerusalem and its attempts to take full control of the city and erase its Arab and Muslim history.

The Israeli occupation committed a massacre today against the "Return demonstration" in Gaza, killing dozens and injuring hundreds of Palestinians.

Ennahdha Party:

- Strongly condemns the opening of the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem and considers it a clear violation of UN resolutions and of the Palestinian people's right to liberation from occupation and establishing its independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.
- Condemns the crimes of killing and detention committed by the Israeli occupation against the heroic Palestinian people.
- Calls for the protection of Jerusalemites and of all Palestinians from the injustice and attacks of the occupation and calls for the activation of an effective Arab, Muslim, international and human role in supporting the steadfastness of Palestinians in Jerusalem and Palestine.
- Calls for lifting the blockade on Gaza and rebuilding it and putting an end to the injustice suffered by its people.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Tunisia's parliament reached a quorum this week on both the Social Justice Law and the Law for Constitutional Bodies. The draft laws will be transferred back to the Consensus Committee for further approval.

The Rights and Liberties and Foreign Affairs Committee, Chaired by Ennahdha MP Naoufel Eljammali, held a hearing this week on racial discrimination, in preparation for a law against racism that will be unique in North Africa.

Members of the Tunisian Assembly of the Representatives of the People will soon vote again for the remaining three members of the Constitutional Court as the parliament is registering candidacies. The first member was elected several weeks before the municipal elections.

IN THE NEWS

- [Jews and Muslims celebrate unusual coexistence in Tunisia's Djerba](#) – May 14
- [Tunisia's first Municipal Elections since 2011: Victory for Ennahdha](#) – May 8
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- [Tunisia holds 1st local election since 2011 Arab Spring](#) – May 6
- [Tunisia's Ennahdha party tops landmark local vote: state TV](#) – May 6
- [Tunisia's Ennahdha claims victory in landmark local elections](#) – May 6
- [Tunisia's local elections can be the start of real democratic politics](#) – May 5
- [Return to Tunis: why now is the time to visit this historic city](#) – May 2
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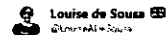


@R_Ghannouchi of @EnnahdhaParty reflects on Tunisia's recent democratic elections. "It was a victory for the Tunisian people." #DakarAssembly @NEDemocracy @ThinkDemocracy @CIMA_Media

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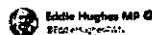


Today, Tunisians are reflecting on their choices ahead of the country's first democratic municipal elections. A chance for millions to have their voices heard. #vote #TnMunicipales18 #Tunisia @ISIETN

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Local elections in #Tunisia on 6th May offer a great opportunity for women & young people to have a pivotal role in a country that is embracing greater democracy. Challenging times ahead, but I hope @UKinTunisia will continue to provide valuable support.



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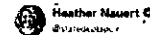


History in the making as #Tunisia goes to the polls for its first municipal elections since the 2011 revolution. I know from my visits to the country that this is a welcome step for many. Important that those elected are given the power to achieve what they have pledged.

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The United States congratulates the people of #Tunisia on the country's first-ever free municipal elections, which took place on Sunday. These elections represented an important step in the consolidation of its democracy.



U.S. Congratulates Tunisians on Municipal Elections

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Today, Tunisians will cast their votes in the country's first-ever democratic local elections. Here are 3 things you need to know.



Three Things to Know About Sunday's Elections in Tunisia

On May 8, Tunisians will cast their votes in the country's first-ever democratic local elections. Here are three things you need to know.

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Sara Mersni-Saidi réitère sur la nécessité de prolonger le congé de maternité vu le rôle central de la femme dans différents enjeux politiques et électoraux.
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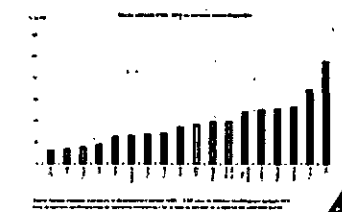
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Tunisia's "Startup Act" could show other African governments how to support tech ecosystems. The law was passed after two years of deliberations with legislators engaging entrepreneurs, civil society and investors.

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Tunisia's elections getting lots of coverage across globe



Tunisia: 1st local elections since Arab Spring to break more Tunisia is hoping to break through barriers with its first local elections since its Arab Spring revolution. They could bring the first woman mayor of the capital, the first...

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Covering news from Tunisia and Ennahdha



A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

Ennahdha is delighted to announce that Souad Abderrahim, who ran on an Ennahdha list during May's municipal elections, has been elected as the first female mayor of Tunis, making her the first elected female mayor in the Arab world. Of the 68 female mayors elected in the 349 municipalities, 42 are from Ennahdha – an impressive 62 percent. Each of our female mayors ran inspiring campaigns, always epitomizing the party's plurality and embrace of modern values. It is for this reason that we have no doubt that they will all be effective and tireless representatives of Tunisian people of all political persuasions.

Aside from progress in gender equality, Ennahdha continues to build broader momentum in the wake of May's municipal elections. The party is delighted to have the presidencies of 132 municipalities, including the second city and economic capital, Sfax, and the cultural capital, Kairouan.

Elsewhere, the World Bank has approved a new \$500 million loan to support economic reform in Tunisia followed by a further \$249m loan tranche instalment from the IMF. Ennahdha has always been clear that Tunisia's route to prosperity is best mapped out with the support of our international partners and friends, and this financial support is a welcome development as we seek to attract private investment and provide a safety net to the most vulnerable in society.

Intense discussions continue to be held around Carthage II, the document that determines Tunisia's economic and social priorities. Ennahdha's position remains clear: governmental stability and consensus is necessary to ensure the country can continue to devote its primary attention to an ambitious and necessary program of political, economic and social reform.

Despite the challenges which any country undergoing reform can expect to face, Tunisia has made exceptional strides in the first half of 2018. In addition to holding the region's first democratic municipal elections, the Ennahdha-led Startup Act is well positioned to instill an entrepreneurial spirit in the country. A separate law against racial discrimination, also spearheaded by Ennahdha, continues to make progress through Parliament. Alongside economic reform, these legislative developments act as a positive platform upon which to build from in the remainder of 2018, ahead of next year's legislative and presidential elections.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Tunisian parliament is taking steps to enshrine in law the requirement of companies in both the public and private sectors to commit funds for the preservation of the environment as well as social program in the cities where they are based. Ennahdha was instrumental in drafting the law, which would allow companies to deduct giving from their taxes. The measure will ensure the contribution of funds to cultural programs, as well as to the health and education sectors.

An Ennahdha-proposed bill would require politicians and government employees to declare all types of revenue and priority. The law is designed to encourage transparency and accountability for public officials, as well as reinforce the country's already-existing anti-corruption measures. Politicians will also have to declare their revenue after leaving their official positions. The bill is expected to attract strong support in Parliament.

Parliament is in early discussions with civil society on a bill that would update protection of personal data for Tunisians. Such a bill would follow a previous transparency law which guarantees transparency and free access to data for Tunisian citizens.

IN THE NEWS

- German Cabinet declares Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria as 'safe' – July 18
- African Development Bank to fund "Digital Tunisia 2020" Project – July 17
- Tunisia receives crucial backing from IMF with third loan instalment – July 15
- Algeria underlines close cooperation with Tunisia in fighting terrorism – July 13
- TIME Magazine: Tunisia an example of democracy's global attractiveness – July 12
- Tunisia signs agreement with China for new 'silk road' – July 12
- Tunisia tourism revenues jump as Europeans return – July 12
- Tunisian women lead battle for truth and justice – July 11
- Tunisia-Airports: number of travelers edges up 13% – July 10
- IMF Disburses Fourth Tranche of Tunisia Loan – July 8
- Woman from moderate Islamic party elected mayor of Tunis – July 3
- World Bank approves \$500 mln loan for Tunisia: state news agency – June 29

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Bottom-Up Policymaking: A Look At The Origins Of The Landmark Tunisia Startup Act. In April 2018, Tunisia made history in the Arab world when the Tunisian parliament voted to adopt the Tunisia Startup Act after a lot of hard work by the country's policymakers and entrepreneurs.

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Tunisia's Corruption Contagion: A Transition at Risk
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Tunisia's first municipal elections in

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COVERING NEWS FROM TUNISIA & ENNAHDHA

March-March 22, 2018



A WORD FROM RACHID GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

Four years on from the adoption of the post-revolution Constitution, one primary step remains in the effort to achieve a truly decentralized Tunisian government. On May 6, 2018, the country will implement ~~decentralization~~ decentralization-in-practice through our first municipal elections – a significant landmark not just for Tunisia, but also for the wider region.

The revolution in 2011 marked the beginning of Tunisia's development into a regional democratic exemplar. In 2017, several laws – such as the landmark legislation combatting violence against women – were implemented at the national level, with Ennahdha representatives habitually driving change. The municipal elections are both significant and exciting because they will allow the country to extend this programme of reform to the local level. ~~Ennahdha and Nidaa Tounes were the only parties to submit lists of candidates for municipal elections across all 350 constituencies before the February 22 deadline. February 22 was the deadline to submit lists of candidates for the municipal elections, with only Ennahdha and Nidaa Tounes able to submit our lists across all 350 constituencies.~~ This demonstrates the strength of the party across the entire country.

However, it is not just that the elections take place, but *how* they take place, that is important. Ennahdha is extremely proud to announce that we have nominated a member of the Tunisian Jewish community, Simon Selame, as an independent representative for Monastir in the country's upcoming elections. Although Ennahdha is proud to have Muslim origins, we are a modern political party that is open to people from all religious backgrounds, as Mr Selame clearly ~~recognizes~~ recognizes. He stated that he would not have accepted the nomination from any other party.

Meanwhile, Ennahdha representative Meherzia Labidi has visited the interior regions of Tunisia to speak with Tunisian women and motivate them to become active in politics. In the municipal elections, approximately 50 percent of local seats will have to be occupied while one candidate out of the first 10 on a list must be an individual with physical disabilities. Collectively, these measures contribute to making these elections, not only the first of its kind in Tunisia, but also the most diverse Tunisia has ever seen in our history.

Finally, I am pleased at the news that British global travel company Thomas Cook has resumed flights from the UK to Tunisia, which follows from a successful visit by UK Security Minister Ben Wallace MP to the country a fortnight ago. The first set of flights leaving the UK on Tuesday, February 13 were fully booked, which I trust signals the resumption of interest in visiting our country, a strong touristic relationship between our two countries. Tunisia is a culturally-rich country with renowned sites from antiquity and beautiful stretches of Mediterranean coastline, an abundance to offer holidaymakers, and I wish all British tourists an enjoyable stay.

ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

- Ennahdha supports the defence-defense of journalists' rights --February 11
- Ennahdha Party Executive Committee Statement on domestic and internal party matters --February 11

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Human Rights High Authority -- Ennahdha MPs are working hard to introduce bring about the legislation which will allow and give powers to that would create a new Commission on Human Rights. This ambitious Commission, which Ennahdha is determined to see implemented in 2018, will be able to visit any place which is hiding or witnessing any human rights transgression, strengthening the fabric of civil society so essential to the post-revolution Tunisia.

Led by Ennahdha, Tunisia is implementing a new law on racism. Ennahdha MP Mrs ~~bood~~ who is the only black woman in the Assembly, brought this Bill introduced this bill to ~~into~~ parliament. Though Article 21 of the Constitution makes all citizens equal without discrimination, no specific mention of racism is made. This law, which will also ~~escalate their~~ increase punishments for crimes involving racism ~~abuse~~, will ~~ackle~~ address this shortcoming.

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Ennahdha's Minister of Communication Technologies and Digital Economy Anouar Maarouf is leading a discussion with the Committee of Industry and Technology in Parliament on a new law. Parliament is planning an ICT day for 5th March 5.

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Commented [MW3]: ICT day's primary objective?

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- Tunisia welcomes first Chinese chartered flight tourist group --21-February 21
- Tunisia to host EBRD's Regional Investment Summit in 2019 --20-February 20
- Tunisia, Germany sign four cooperation agreements to support SMEs --20-February 20
- Ennahdha MP Imen Ben Mohamed: Changing the Narrative on Migration --18-February 18

- Tunisia seeks to host 8 million tourists in 2018 —17 February 17
- Tunisia economy grew 1.9% in 2017 —15 February 15
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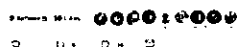
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#WomenInScience #gender #research: 54% of #researchers in #Tunisia are women, above regional average of 40%.



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54% of researchers are women in #Tunisia. The average for the region is 40%. All women are highly educated. #WomenInScience #WIS

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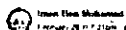
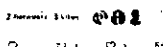


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I just came back to #Tunisia after my participation in the #MunichSecurityConference in #Germany with leaders from all over the world talking about security in the region as a #M21.

Theresa May, Prime Minister, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland #UK

Maria Ruter, Prime Minister, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Heide Aubach, Prime Minister, Republic of Iraq

John F. Kerry, Former Secretary of State of the United States of America #USA

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Members of the German Bundestag from different political parties

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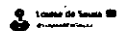


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Tunisians are very pleased to welcome #UK tourists back into our country! #Tourism is one of the most important pillars of our #economy and today's news will benefit #Tunisia. @ThomasCookUK @UKinTunisia @LouiseADESousa



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Debating Tunisia's achievements in freedoms of association & expression. #Devee88. This is what makes #Tunisia exceptional. Thanks @CarolMcQueen



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A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

The Ennahdha Party is pleased to have won in 155 out of 350 municipalities in the recent municipal elections. While the elections were an historic milestone for Tunisian democracy, focus has now shifted to the national issues vital to Tunisia's development.

The mandate of the independent and constitutionally-backed Truth and Dignity Commission (IVD), created in 2014 to address human rights violations committed by the pre-Revolution regime and provide justice to victims, formally came to a close this week. Tunisia's parliament decided that the IVD would have to end its work and release a final report by the end of 2018. At the same time, on Wednesday, May 29, we witnessed in Gabès an historic event: the first trial from the tyrannous years of the 1990s involving an Ennahdha Party activist, Kamel Matmati, who was killed under torture by the Ben Ali regime. Our position is clear: transitional justice is an important component of Tunisia's healing process, and the Commission's work must be able to continue. Tunisians must understand the past and reconcile with it so we can move forward together.

A committee of experts comprised of political party leaders and civil society groups and known as the National Symposium last week agreed to implement 63 'points' on social and economic reforms as part of an updated Carthage Declaration. However, the signatories to the Symposium, which is tasked with determining the priorities of the National Unity Government, failed to reach an agreement on the immediate future of the Tunisian Prime Minister. While some groups have called for a complete government reshuffle, Ennahdha has expressed opposition to pursuing such a course at this time. A reshuffle would run counter to the country's interests, which right now call for economic and political stability.

Just as Tunisia has implemented reforms on a platform of consensus and dialogue, it is essential that our international partners continue to support the country's progress towards economic and political stability. It is

in this context of international collaboration that Tunisia can drive the economic prosperity the country is capable of achieving.

ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

Statement: Ennahdha Renaissance party supports the findings of the Committee of Experts and stresses the importance of government stability – May 24

The Ennahdha Renaissance Party Executive Committee held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 under the supervision of its President Rached Ghannouchi. The Committee reviewed a number of files related to the general situation in the country, and expressed the following:

1. The Party supports the findings of the Committee of Experts after several meetings and consensus on 63 points out of 64, all of which stressed the projects to be activated, and the necessary reform measures to enhance the national economy, rebalance public finances, stimulate growth and investment, which would contribute to job creation and the development of marginalized parts of the country. It also stresses the urgent need for the government to enact major reforms.
2. The Party stresses the importance of governmental stability, which is not affected by the necessary partial reshuffle, and the importance of continuing the dialogue approach in addressing the country's issues. The Party believes that the forum of the Presidents of parties and organizations signatories of the Carthage Agreement, under the President's supervision is an appropriate framework to overcome the differences regarding the future status of the government.
3. The Party reiterates its commitment to the formation of municipal councils on the basis of the commitment to achieve the interests of citizens, away from political disputes, and on the criteria of efficiency and placing public interest before every consideration in order to ensure their effectiveness and ability to carry out the tasks entrusted to them, including local development and providing local services.

Ennahdha Renaissance Party Statement following the 20th Session of its Consultative Council – May 28

On Sunday, May 27 2018, Ennahdha Renaissance Party Consultative Council held its 20th session in Tunis, during which the general situation in the country and the results of the recent municipal elections were examined, in addition to the negotiation results presented by the Committee of experts of the Carthage Agreement 2. After hearing reports from the Executive Bureau, Ennahdha Renaissance Consultative Council:

1. Sends its greetings to all Tunisian people, State institutions, the Independent High Authority for Elections (ISIE), all political parties, civil society and independent organizations who have contributed to the success of the national local elections. It also calls for deepening consolidation and consensus among all the winners in order

to install stable and efficient municipal councils that provide the best services to citizens and strengthen local administration and local democracy.

2. Appreciates the efforts of the President of the Republic Beji Caid Essebsi in supporting the dialogue of Carthage Agreement 2 and his keenness in ensuring the powers of State institutions to enhance our country's leading role and uphold the rule of law.

3. The Council also approved the 63 points contained in the Carthage Agreement 2 and mandated the Party President to continue his dialogue with other political and social parties in a manner that would ensure stability and support the path of national unity and the concordance that characterized our Tunisian experience over the past years.

For more information, please see this [video](#).

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

On May 24, MPs continued to discuss the Law Against Racial Discrimination in the Rights and Liberties and Foreign Affairs committee, chaired by Ennahdha Minister Naoufel El Jammali. The Committee is approaching the law in a comprehensive manner, considering any discriminations which may unfairly impact a certain group, while guaranteeing human rights protections. The Law, which has achieved consensus in Parliament, will be the first of its kind in the Maghreb.

The Commission of Agriculture, Food Security, Trade and Related Services, chaired by Ennahdha MP Zoubair Rajbi, held a session on Thursday, May 24, 2018, during which the Committee's report on the **draft law on health and safety, quality of food products and animal feed** was presented and approved unanimously by MPs.

On May 22, Parliament continued to review the 2013-2015 budget for Tunisia, as discussions around how best to structure the country's finances continue to take place. This is an important step for the critical aim of ensuring stability as Tunisia enters a period of political, economic and social reform.

Parliament continues to vote on the third protocol on the convention of children's rights. This convention will build on the region's first Law on Violence Against Women passed last year, and will cover an array of additional rights for children.

MPs in a plenary session are currently identifying how to apportion investment and development funds to certain regions of Tunisia. It is anticipated that funds will largely be focused on areas in the South and South-West of the country.

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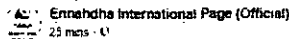
SOCIAL MEDIA



Esma Ridane
@RidaneTune

Sad day for #Tunisia. #MayaJeribi one of the most prominent female politicians and Ben Ali opponents passed away today. Allah yarhamha 🤔

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"We cannot agree to change the government at this sensitive time. #Ennahdha has been known as a party which makes concessions but this time we cannot do so in the interests of the country which needs stability."
@R_Ghannouchi #Tunisia
<https://uk.reuters.com/.../tunisia-ruling-coalition-fails-to-...>



Khalil Amiri
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Low budgets & great expectations await Municipal councils. Significant capacity building req. as 11% of workers in mun. are skilled. Yet they are the hope of restoring public confidence in democratic governance & participation. Stakes are high. To work!
#TnMunicipales18 #Tunisia

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Dalia Fahmy
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#Tunisia parliamentarian @OsamaAlSaghir "In a country of 10 million 57,000 candidates are running for office in the coming local election...fostering a distribution of power."
@radwan_masoudi #csid



11:13 · 26 May 2018



Habib dababi
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Proud to see the #digitalization progressing and the #QRcode usage growing as planned and saving time for #Tunisian citizens.
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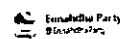


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#Ennahdha president @R_Ghannouchi spoke to Dr Mahatir Mohamad @chedetofficial & @DrWanAzizah Ismail to congratulate them on their victory in #Malaysia's parliamentary elections, wishing them the best in their new ruling coalition & calling for strengthening relations with #Tunisia



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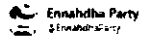


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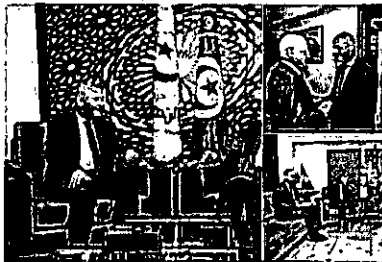
#Ennahdha president @R_Ghannouchi received #Germany's Ambassador in #Tunisia @GermanEmbassyTN Dr Andreas Reinicke. The meeting was attended by the party's Secretary General @ZiedLadhari and head of external relations @RafikAbdessalem



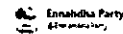
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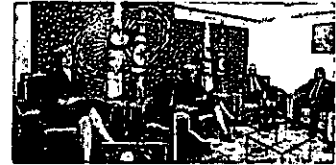
#Ennahdha president @R_Ghannouchi received #France Ambassador @O_Poivre_dArvor who congratulated him on the success of #Tunisia's first local elections. They also discussed how to further strengthen Tunisian-French relations. @RafikAbdessalem



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Party president @R_Ghannouchi received @UKinTunisia Ambassador @LouiseADeSousa who congratulated him on the success of #Tunisia's municipal elections. Together with @RafikAbdessalem & @Labidi_mehrzia they discussed how to further strengthen Tunisia-UK relations.



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Today is a historic day in #Tunisia. It's the first real trial about the black years of the 90s. It's about Kamel Matmati, #Ennahdha activist, died under torture. His family doesn't even know where he has been buried. 14 persons are accused.

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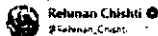
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La croissance tirée par l'agriculture et les industries manufacturières
Le ministre du Développement, de l'investissement et de la coopération internationale revient sur la croissance au premier trimestre 2018
leconomistmaghreb.com



Today @foreignoffice questions asked Minister to confirm excellent security cooperation between Tunisia 🇹🇳 & 🇬🇧 taking into account @TUIUK & @ThomasCookUK have resumed flights to Tunisia. Point raised with me at community engagement event I held with 🇬🇧 Ambassador to UK



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Rached Ghannouchi
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Suivre

Mr. Rached Ghannouchi: "#Ennahdha has long made concessions in the past serving #Tunisia's best interest, but will not make compromises that may put the country in danger."

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